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An Expandable Polymer Composition

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LETTER

NOVA Chemicals Inc.  
400 Frankfort Road  
Monaca, PA 15061  
January 8, 2004

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

With reference to the Response to the Office Action dated December  
3, 2003 on the captioned case, enclosed are the following:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement.
2. Request for a One-Month Extension of Time along with Fee.
3. Self-Addressed Stamped Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated  
December 3, 2003, having a one-month term for reply  
expiring on January 3, 2004, in which a one-month


extension of time is respectfully requested herein,  
bringing the term for reply expiring on February 3, 2004.

Applicants hereby elect to pursue the Group I Claims  
(Claims 1-26, and 49) drawn to foamed cellular particles,  
classified in class 521, subclass 50 with traverse and  
without prejudice of Applicants' rights to file a  
divisional application. It would appear that a meaningful  
search performed directed toward any one of the  
embodiments of Groups I, II, and III would of necessity  
uncover art relevant to the other embodiments.  
Reconsideration of the restriction requirement and  
withdrawal of the same are respectfully requested.

The inventorship of the elected claims of Group I  
remain the same as originally submitted.

The request for the one-month extension of term for  
reply to this Office Action, along with the required fee  
in the amount of \$110.00, which fee is to be debited to  
Account No. 501679 is enclosed.

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